

### **Remarks/Arguments**

Reconsideration of the captioned application as amended herewith and in view of the following Remarks and Arguments is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, Claims 3 and 23 - 30 will be pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4 - 22, 31 - 71, and 81 - 85 have been canceled or withdrawn without prejudice.

The Examiner required election/restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121. Applicants hereby affirm their election to prosecute the invention of hexylene glycol as the water dispersible component and pentaerythritol tetraoctonate and cetyl octonate as the combination of esters without traverse. Claims 54 - 71, 72 - 80, 81 and 84 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants hereby affirm this election without traverse.

Claims 54 - 71, 81 and 84 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 (c) as being of improper dependent form and rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. These claims have been withdrawn from consideration, therefore Applicants respectfully submit that the objection and the rejection have been obviated.

Claims 2, 22, 52, 53, 82, 83 and 85 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 4,980,155 to Shaw et al. As these claims are no longer in the case, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection has been obviated.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 3 and 23 - 30 are allowed.


### **Amendments To The Claims**

Claims 3, 23 - 26, 29 and 30 have been amended to include the limitations from the base claims on which they depend and to correct improper dependencies. Support for these amendments comes from the claims as originally filed.

**Conclusion**

Applicants believe that the foregoing presents a full and complete response to the present Office Action. Applicants look forward to receiving a notice of allowance in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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